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Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Request Re: Information Pertaining to Activities
of Colonel Martin B. Chittick, 0-100258

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter as the result of a phone call from your office after I had written to your Director. I attach a copy of my letter to him, and from it you can readily see the personal family interest. [REDACTED]

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Colonel Martin B. Chittick, Army Serial Number 0-100258, was born in Stuart, Nebraska. He died at Winter Park, Florida in 1969; I enclose herewith copy of his death certificate; it reflects also his date of birth, and his birthplace as being Nebraska. I understand the town in Nebraska was Stuart. I trust this is sufficient for identification.

We are interested in trying to piece together the nature of Colonel Chittick's OSS assignments, the missions on which he worked, where he went, and when, whom he may have contacted, and with what results of any significance. We understand that his trips to Switzerland, Sweden and France, and possibly other countries about which we know nothing, had as their basic purpose obtaining information about the status of the German atomic program.

I request copies of such information as you have which might be released, which you think would be of interest to us. I understand that there are search and copy fees, which I am of course within reason prepared to pay. Please do not commit me to an expense of over \$50 without calling me, collect if necessary. We would not be interested in any purely technical disquisitions that did not throw light on his activities.

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I was also advised that there are a tremendous number of requests such as this, and that you are presently understaffed, and have a backlog of a year or so in processing the request. So I do not expect an early reply.

Meanwhile, is it possible that some other search is being made presently with respect to projects to which Colonel Chittick may have been assigned, and information might be developed by "piggybacking" on such a current search?

Also, are the files so arranged that it would be possible for me to do any searching in them while on some trip to Washington? I can readily understand if the answer to that is negative, but I am in Washington from time-to-time and would like to make use of the opportunity if it happens to be available.

Please feel free to call me collect at any time about this.

Thanking you, I am

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We will search for the records concerning Colonel Chittick's service with the OSS, and we will let you know as soon as they have been located and reviewed for releasability. The records of this office do not indicate that we have received a previous request for other OSS records that might relate to Colonel Chittick's assignment, but we will check with the reviewing component.

As we mentioned in our previous letter, the OSS records are being reviewed systematically with a view to turning them over to the National Archives as soon as possible. They will then be available to the public for research purposes. However, we cannot predict when the particular records you are interested in will be completed under this review program. Until they are declassified and turned over to Archives, they cannot be made available for private research.

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